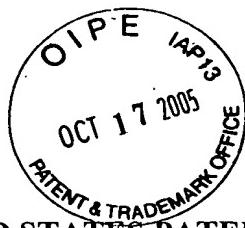


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LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)

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SIR:

Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

- 3 Replacement Drawing Sheets _____ New Drawing Sheets
- Official Action dated May 16, 2005.
- Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated _____
- Other dated _____

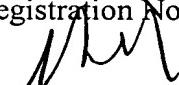
The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Please replace the three sheets of drawings containing Figs. 1-6 with the attached replacement sheets wherein (1) a reference numeral has been provided for the point P1; and (2) the portion of line 14b to the right of point P1 is drawn using double chain lines.

Respectfully Submitted,

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